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**DONATING:** Senior Sharon Franke talks to American Red Cross employee Wendy Robosser about what to do after giving blood, which includes drinking plenty of water and eating properly.

## The battle for blood begins

By Josh Whetherholt  
Reporter

BGSU's rivalry with the University of Toledo goes beyond the football field or basketball court. Taking a break from athletic competition this week, the two universities will instead face off to save lives.

The eighth annual Blood Bowl started yesterday morning to get blood donations from students and create a competitive vibe in anticipation of the Nov. 27 BGSU vs. Toledo football game.

The Blood Bowl, hosted by the American Red Cross, will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Union until Wednesday. Besides free cookies and a T-shirt, donors will be entered into a drawing to win tickets to the Nov. 21 Ohio State vs. Michigan game.

Typically, the busiest times to donate are between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. and there are no scheduled appointments, so students wanting to donate are reminded to plan

accordingly.

In the history of the Blood Bowl, BGSU has won five of the seven meetings and a sixth win is the focus for University President Carol Cartwright.

"We've got good momentum here. I think we have to keep our good record going, but it's for a good cause," Cartwright said. "Certainly, donating blood is one of the simplest things that anybody can do to save a life, so if anybody is thinking about it and doesn't have any health reasons that prevents them from doing it, we'd really encourage them to come and do it and do it now so we can win."

Competition and convenience of the Blood Bowl for students has been a major drive in the past and those involved hope that continues.

"I think it's pretty convenient they set it up on campus and it makes me feel pretty good about myself," Blood Bowl veteran sophomore Stephanie Lochtefeld said. "I definitely don't like

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## Students ducking health coverage may be caught

By Tim Naida  
Reporter

Students have differing opinions on whether or not they should be required to have health insurance.

The University requires all students to have a health insurance plan and has basic minimum requirements that each plan must meet. If a student has a plan that does not meet the minimum requirement, they are required to purchase the University-sponsored student insurance plan.

To avoid paying for this plan, some students lie about the coverage they have.

Student Insurance

**"I know a couple of  
people who [lie about  
coverage] because  
it's expensive."**

Carl Breidenbach | Senior

Specialist Ann Cromley said about 2,400 students have the Student Health Insurance Plan offered by Aetna through the University. The Student Insurance Office does checks to make sure students have the insurance they claim to

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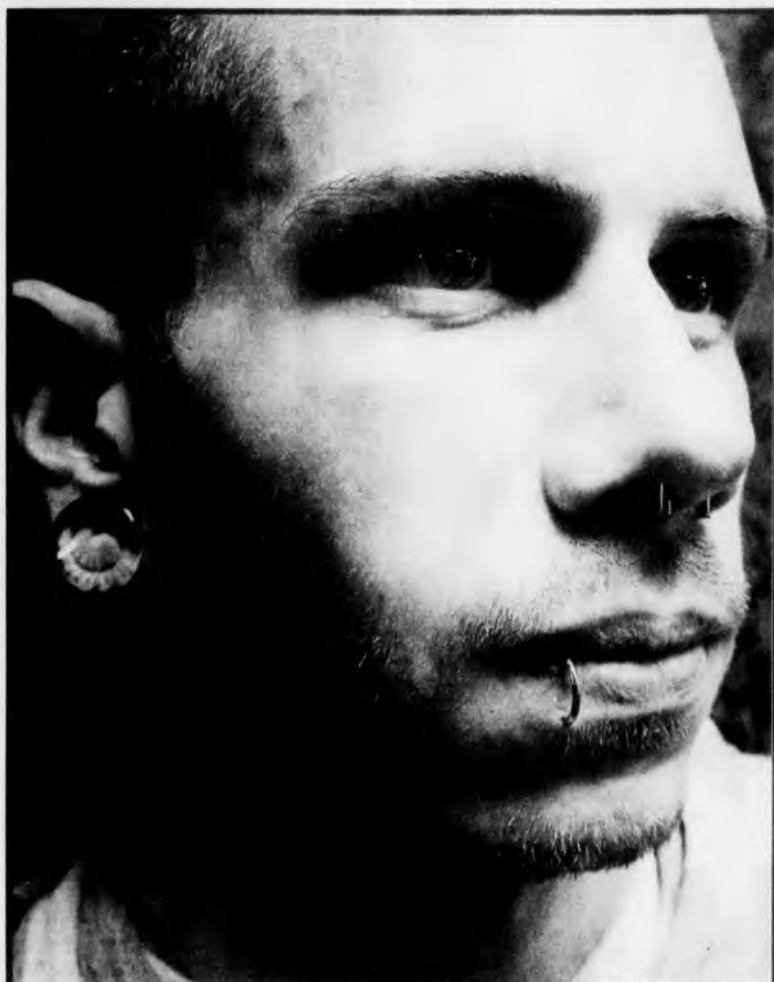


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## Passion for piercing

By Courtney Keenan  
Reporter

Whether it is a freshman's rebellious act or a graduating senior's last hurrah, piercings have become a popular act for some students.

This one act often becomes many, making getting piercings addictive.

"I was certainly addicted. ... We all have our addictions, whether it be coffee or trash TV or piercings," Sarah Charles, a sophomore who has experience working in a piercing parlor, said in an e-mail.

She said the experience of getting a piercing is like an adrenaline rush, and after it's done, there is a release of endorphins.

"It's not hard to see why it can become so addictive to some," she said.

Charles currently has 11 piercings, including a lip ring and a nose stud, but at her peak she had 28.

"I think it's safe to say that I am becoming addicted, if not

already there," Kore Bitner, a junior, said in an e-mail. Bitner, who has a total of 11 piercings, considers her piercing addiction a guilty pleasure. "The guilty part comes when I go home and my mother sees that I have a new piercing and tells me that I don't need any more holes."

The piercing craze is not just limited to a few students getting piercings. Every day at On the Edge Body Art Studio, located at 136 N. Main St., people are getting their bodies pierced. Jon Von Deylen, a piercer at On the Edge, said on any given weekday, he usually does 10 to 15 piercings and on the weekends that range increases to 20 to 30.

"In a month I'll do, easy, 100 piercings," Deylen said.

Addictions can be hard on the wallet. Deylen said the most expensive piercing is the genital piercing, but the most expensive common piercing is the relatively new microdermal, also referred to as the surface anchor, piercing

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## BGSU student tells all about Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy

By Michelle Olmstead  
Reporter

Exactly one month ago, President Barack Obama reaffirmed his promise to end the Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) policy at the annual dinner of the Human Rights Campaign, a gay civil rights advocacy group.

Since DADT, a policy banning gays in the military, was implemented, more than 12,000 qualified members of the U.S. Armed Services have been discharged, according to the Human Rights Campaign

Web site.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell was originally passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton in 1993. While Clinton eventually promised to repeal the ban on gays in the military, he was unsuccessful in his attempts.

Although Obama offered no timetable in his speech for such law changes, his words of reassurance have provided hope to millions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the country.

Sophomore Rob Koob is president of Vision, a LGBT stu-

dent organization on campus.

Although Koob does not have military aspirations of his own, he voiced his indignation about the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

"I don't think it's fair," Koob said. "Anybody, regardless of race, gender identity sexual orientation, should not be discriminated against if they want to serve their country."

While Koob believes the law is not justified, he acknowledged DADT may have had

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**TELLING:** In this file photo, Barack Obama speaks at a rally in Toledo in October 2008. Recently Obama said he would attempt to overturn the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

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# BLOTTER

## THURSDAY NOV. 5

**1:04 A.M.**  
Ashley Cook, of Fremont, Ohio, was cited for underage consumption at the Harshman Quadrangle.  
Celia Dempsey, of Columbus was cited for underage consumption and disorderly conduct at the Harshman Quadrangle.

## FRIDAY NOV. 6

**11:47 P.M.**  
Nathaniel Mix, of Dayton, was cited for assault and underage under the influence at McDonald North Hall.

## SUNDAY NOV. 8

**12:43 A.M.**  
Chelsea Kanie, of Ingersoll, Ontario, was cited for open container on Thurston Ave.

**2:21 A.M.**  
Dixon Marten, 24, of Bowling Green, Ohio, was arrested for disorderly conduct while intoxicated unable to care for self in Lot 2.

**2:48 A.M.**  
Kaia Raig, of North Olmstead, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence, disorderly conduct while intoxicated on North Enterprise Street.

**5:40 A.M.**  
Complainant reported a loud party within the 300th block of Conneaut Ave.

**1 P.M.**  
Complainant reported unknown subject(s) let the air out of three of her tires on her vehicle within the 1700th block of Dublin Ave.

**6:51 P.M.**  
Marcus Bedinger, 21, and Jeremy Steward, 21, both of Bowling Green, Ohio, were arrested for theft within the 100th block of Gypsy Lane.

## MONDAY NOV. 9

**12:47 A.M.**  
Complainant reported loud music within the 600th block of Frazee Ave.

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# BLOOD

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Toledo and would like to see them get beat by Bowling Green. Go Falcons."

According to American Red Cross CEO Donald Baker, roughly 82,000 units of blood have been collected via Blood Bowl efforts, potentially impacting 25,000 people.

"It's a marvelous way to give back to the community," Baker said.

However, a main problem for blood donation is only 4 to 5 percent of the American population actually donates, but over 80 percent of the population will end up needing a blood product at some point in life. For Baker, this can be explained by a common apprehension towards giving blood.

"It's the unknown to them," Baker said. "Most of the people that I speak with who have made their first donation have

been surprised at how easy it is, that it doesn't really hurt like they think. It's a small pinch for just a few seconds and after that, it's a very easy process."

The goal of this year's drive is to get between 150 and 200 units of blood a day.

"If we can meet that goal, I think [BGSU is] going to beat UT," American Red Cross Communications Manager Annie Marckel said. "We always like to say that no matter which school wins, it's really the patients that win."

Marckel said the blood will go to trauma patients, cancer patients and others in emergency situations and that one donation can potentially save three lives. The donating process takes about an hour to complete, starting with signing up, providing a medical background, and having iron levels taken. The actual blood drawing takes roughly 10 minutes.

Blood can be donated every

**"The misconception is you can hang a poster and they will come. You really have to get out there and talk to people and get them to understand why we need as many donors as we do."**

Heather Haynes | Donor recruitment representative

56 days and about six times a year. According to Marckel, that is how long it takes for the body to reproduce the red blood cells.

Before giving blood, potential donors should be sure to be hydrated and have iron levels up to make the donating process easier. Donor Recruitment Representative and BGSU alumna Heather Haynes suggests eating leafy green vegetables or red meats and drinking citrus-heavy drinks like orange juice before giving.

There are some restrictions that could defer people from being able to donate. Traveling in places prominent with exotic

diseases, being homosexual, getting a tattoo outside of Ohio in the last year, as well as height and weight requirements have made the list of possible reasons for not being allowed to donate.

For those unable to donate blood, but still wanting to help, they can still play an important part in the Blood Bowl.

"We can still use volunteers," Haynes said. "Volunteers are just as important as the donors because without the volunteers, we can't run a blood drive."

Haynes said volunteers can perform many jobs at the blood drive, ranging from aiding in gathering medical information,

to handing out fliers on campus and helping donors after giving blood.

Haynes has been gathering support on campus by giving presentations to on-campus groups about blood donation and informing people how blood donation is positive.

"[Donors] come because it's a good deed, but we'd like to educate them why they should do it," Haynes said. "The misconception is you can hang a poster and they will come. You really have to get out there and talk to people and get them to understand why we need as many donors as we do."

Attracting donors may be the most difficult step. Cartwright said once they show up, their part is relatively simple.

"Everything is made very convenient and very easy," she said. "For three days, you can stop in and do your part and help save lives."

# DONT ASK

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good intentions in the beginning.

"I think the intention was to possibly protect LGBT individuals from facing discrimination," he said. "But what it became was a dishonorable discharge; it became something else."

One concept DADT ignores, Koob said, is the value of willing citizens to serve their country — regardless of sexual orientation.

"If you look at the history of LGBT people in the military, there were full platoons of female soldiers that were working as desk clerks who were lesbians," Koob said. "And they were one of the highest-rated platoons in the armed forces during WWII."

"I know, actually, several people who wanted to serve but because they were more traditionally stereotypical, they were concerned about joining the armed forces because they didn't want to be discharged," he said.

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Lt. Col. Rachelle Miller was unable to comment due to the "political nature" of the subject. However, professor of military science, Lt. Col. Steven Letzring did address the issue.

"We implement that policy

that was given to us by civilian authority," Letzring said.

Letzring said regardless of personal beliefs, DADT is first and foremost, the law.

"The bottom line is that soldiers in the military aren't in the arena of policy-making," Letzring said. "As it stands now, the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy is what it is; it's one of those cases where our opinion, one way or another, doesn't matter. Until such time that the policy changes, that's the policy that we're given to operate under."

Letzring and the rest of Americans serving their country may be bound by DADT, but Koob remains optimistic about the possibility of reform.

"I think that Obama has been the most LGBT-friendly president that we've seen ever," Koob said. "If it is going to happen, then he will be the one to do it. He has every ability to do it, and I think [he] just needs to tackle the issue head on."

If Don't Ask, Don't Tell is ultimately overturned, Koob believes it will lead to more political activism for LGBT rights.

"Every time that any law gets passed for LGBT rights, it's just blazing the path for more," he said.

# LIAR

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use.

"We do perform random audits, which consist of contacting the student's insurance company to verify that the student is in fact on the Health Plan they claim to be on," Cromley said via e-mail. "At this point, we have not had to deal with students who mislead or lie about coverage."

She also explained what the school would do if a student were found to be lying about their coverage.

"If it was discovered that a student doesn't have the coverage claimed, they would be enrolled in the school's insurance and charged the schools premium," she said.

Senior Carl Breidenbach said he thinks students should be required to have insurance, although he knows people who choose to lie in order to dodge the requirement.

"I know a couple of people who [lie about coverage] because it's expensive," he said.

Graduate student Frank Sun said it's a good thing students are required to have insurance, but also said he doesn't see an issue with them lying if they don't have it.

"If that's what they want to do, that's fine," he said.

Sophomore Katie Breidenbach said students should not be required to have insurance, but they shouldn't lie to the University about it either. She said they should talk to the University about their concerns instead.

"I think it should be the student's choice personally," she said. "But [concerns about insurance] should be brought to the school."

# PAIN

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that is permanent. The end result of a microdermal, which can be almost anywhere on the body, is to look like the jewelry is screwed into the skin.

However, the cost of jewelry and hygiene are also factors. Charles said since she was 16, she has easily spent over \$1,000 on piercings. She said, in her own defense, she is picky about shops.

"I never went somewhere that had cheap prices because you get what you pay for and getting hepatitis or something else is not on my list of things to do today," Charles said.

Piercing popularity is growing rapidly and the acceptability of piercing may be starting to increase. Deylen said in recent years, mainly ear and other less noticeable piercings have been widely accepted in society.

"I think people are starting to get more comfortable with [more unconventional piercings] now," he said.

Although Bitner believes piercings have become more socially acceptable than ever, she said she limits her piercings to just her ears because she is a pre-veterinary major.

"There is still a stigma placed on piercings other than your lobes. It's considered rebellious and unprofessional," Bitner said.

Charles also thinks piercings have become more acceptable than they once were, but this only applies to some piercings.

"I still feel the need to take my lip ring out for interviews, but not my nose stud," she said.

Though piercings may have become more acceptable, there are still those particular piercings that make people do a double take.

Charles said that in her opinion, uvula piercings are ridiculous and eyelid piercings are just asking for trouble. She said these days it seems like everything is trying to outdo the last thing.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BEN LOHMAN

**PIERCING:** Adam Rice holds a life-size replica of the needle On The Edge uses to do piercings. "It's not intended to scare people, we just want people to see what we use when we pierce them," Rice said.

"At some point, we are going to push our bodies to a point where it becomes a serious health concern," Charles said.

Deylen said there is no one piercing in particular that is ridiculous.

"In my opinion, there is a point where you kind of go too far, but I'm not here to judge somebody for wanting a particular piercing," Deylen said, "they are the ones that have to go home and live with the jewelry every day — not me."

Bitner encourages other students who are interested in piercings to ask questions, such as how they sterilize their instruments and what instrument they use, gun or hollow needle.

Charles recommends students do not take out a piercing if it looks infected. She said taking out the jewelry can cause a pus-filled abscess of the infection.

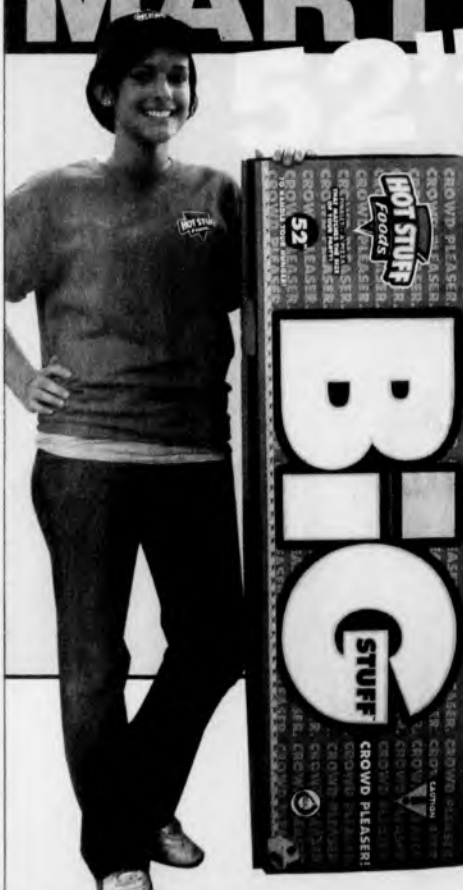
Deylen said interested students should understand the procedure beforehand.

"The more you worry about a piercing, the worse your experience is going to be," Deylen said.

He said the experience is kind of like a roller coaster.

"As soon as you get over that initial anxiety and the freaking out about getting it done ... it's completely fine," Deylen said.

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## USG approves hand sanitizer gifts for potential kiosk

By Matt Liasse  
Reporter

The proposal to purchase hand sanitizers as free giveaways was approved last night at the Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

Chief of Staff Emily Ancinec proposed the idea for purchasing the free gifts, which will be ordered Nov. 15. Ancinec gave three different purchasing options and two different design options for the hand sanitizers, including use for the potential kiosk, distribution at the Health Center and for senators to give to students.

The members of USG voted and approved a purchase for 550 bottles at \$1.08 a piece for a total of \$644, plus \$38.61 for shipping and a \$50 setup fee. The bottles will include the old logo because they will be too small to picture the new seal.

The hand sanitizers did spark some debate, however.

"We're a unique organization, so we need to show that with our free giveaways," Ancinec said, disputing giving away pens, a common free gift choice.

Arts & Sciences Senator Danielle McConnell added the point that buying 550 hand sanitizer bottles would only reach four percent of the undergraduate student body, questioning the plan's efficiency.

State and National Liaison Eric Young assured members the idea behind the hand sanitizers is to "create buzz."

Senator At-Large Elyse Faulk said she supported the idea of the hand sanitizers, and said she would like to see them ordered sooner rather than later because now is the time students are getting sick.

The purchase was approved with a vote of 22 yes and nine no.

**Kiosk**  
The potential kiosk was brought

up again, since the trial week was completed.

The members have been debating purchasing a portable kiosk specifically for USG that will be used in the Union to answer any questions from students.

Student Welfare Committee Chair Christopher Schiazza said that the trial run was a success, and said he would like to move forward with purchasing it. Other members said the price was still too steep, so Schiazza invited them to the committee meeting later that will discuss the other possible options.

"I am more than willing to compromise," Schiazza said.

### New Senators

USG named their two new senators they have been looking to gain for a couple weeks.

Jacqueline Mattmuller was sworn in as the Senator for the West Greek Unit, stepping down as Off-Campus Senator Sarah Shepherd's proxy, and Adam Koons was named Senator of the College of Business.

### Shuttle Fee

USG also wanted to encourage all students to vote on the shuttle fee, which will be on the University's home page Monday and Tuesday.

The vote is for a possible \$20 fee that will improve the shuttle system, while adding a downtown and late night route.

An informational meeting will be held Nov. 12 in Olscamp.

### "Stinky Tree"

In lighter news, Senator At-Large Andrew Fortlage brought up the idea to replace the "stinky tree" found by Moseley Hall.

"Everyone knows what tree I am talking about," Fortlage said, as he explained that he proposed ideas to replace it with another tree, but he was told the tree was an endangered species.

Fortlage said he would address the issue at a later date.



**ASSEMBLE:** Volunteers Sarah Penner and Judy Long assemble the blood bags at the annual Blood Bowl.

## Battle for Blood

Photos by Christina McGinnis



**FINISHED!** Freshmen Taylor Brandt finishes up giving blood with the help of American Red Cross employee Andrea Thomas.



**LIFESAVER:** Junior Forest Clayton donates double red blood cells yesterday at the Blood Bowl competition with the University of Toledo. The Blood Bowl will be going on from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Union until Wednesday. "I've always given blood," Clayton said. "My mother has had blood transfusions before and they have saved her life."



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# FORUM

"The guilty part comes when I go home and my mother sees that I have a new piercing and tells me that I don't need any more holes."  
— Kore Bitner, junior, on her guilty pleasure, piercings.

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is the strangest place for a piercing?



"The Prince Albert."

**ITHRAN KANOYTON,**  
Junior,  
TCOM



"The smiley, that area between your two front teeth."

**CHANTAY WALKER,**  
Junior,  
Applied Health Science



"The spine."

**KELSEY KOHLMAN,**  
Freshman,  
Sports Management



"A vagina."

**JAMES BERO,**  
Sophomore,  
Music Education

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## Relying on food stamps should not cause shame or stigmatize



**MARISHA PIETROWSKI**  
COLUMNIST

Last week, a study was released claiming nearly half of all children in the United States will receive food stamps by the time they are 20 years old. This news comes as the amount of food stamp recipients has risen in numerous cities and states during this economic crisis.

It's becoming increasingly common for families and individuals — such as recent college graduates — to rely on food stamps to get by, yet there remains a shame attached to benefiting from these programs. It can seem as though a person is lazy for receiving food stamps, but this is not always the case. It's extremely likely that someone we know has received them at some point in their lives. Hopefully, the fact that recipients are more common will remove some of the associated stigma.

Signing up for welfare programs is not guaranteeing you a life of poverty. In today's economy, it's likely that people will need to take low-paying jobs in order

to support their family. With any luck, these jobs will be temporary, and people will be able to secure a financially stable job in due time.

However, in the meantime, families may struggle and food stamps can be a crutch for those experiencing hard times. As the Associated Press story about the study points out, it's likely many of these children were on food stamps for a period of a few months at a time, not necessarily for their whole childhood. Food stamps aren't the cure-all for financial hardships, but if they can help families pay their mortgage, they shouldn't be viewed as an unnecessary government expense.

Too often in America, there is a strong stigma attached to people who have to rely on welfare in order to survive. The stereotypical image of a "welfare queen" abusing the system can make it seem as though food stamps and similar programs are breeding a lack of independence and motivation to succeed. While there are certainly people who take advantage of welfare programs, it is not fair to assume that every person who has relied on food stamps at some point in their lives did so in order to take advantage of the system.

Similarly, there is an idea that

being on food stamps is shameful. Half of American children cannot help it that their socio-economic status put them below the poverty line at some point in their lives, if not for their entire lives. That means that in any classroom in America, it's likely that at least one student may not even be in school without the assistance of food stamps to keep food on their table and keep them from starving.

Relying on food stamps may not be something to brag about, but people should not be mocked or judged for something that is more common than we may think.

While they can be helpful, food stamps can be problematic in many ways. Research has shown that it may promote poor eating habits due to an inability to afford higher priced, higher quality fresh food, especially when buying a month's worth of groceries at once with the allotted allowance.

It can hurt local communities as well. A CNN article analyzing the lack of chain grocers within the Detroit city limits hinted that stores could not sustain themselves once customers rushed to the stores at the beginning of the month. This happens because so many customers would shop

once their monthly food stamp allowance came, which would leave the stores without a customer base for the rest of the month.

This shows that the economy is so poor in many places that being on food stamps is the norm, not a shameful rarity. It isn't a great reflection of our nation's economic situation, but it shows that there are more families relying on food stamps than one may believe.

It's a sad state of affairs that so many children in America are forced to deal with such a crisis, and, with any luck, the financial situations of families will improve so they can lessen or eliminate the need for food stamps. In the meantime, we should all be less judgmental toward those who rely on food stamps in order to survive. There are more people living off of them right now that it may seem and not all of them are taking advantage of the system.

Hopefully studies like these can help to reveal the reality of the American economic crisis and show that a lot of people are in the same sinking boat, doing what they can to survive.

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## FALCON SCREECH

I hate the fact that so many attractive women feel that they need to smoke. It is such a disgusting habit and serves absolutely no purpose. It smells and is horrible for you and, frankly, is the most unattractive thing anybody can do. Smoking can turn a perfect 10 into a two. It needs to end.

-VIC CLEMENSKI

Why do art history majors have to take a drawing class? If I knew how to draw, I wouldn't be an art HISTORY major. I'd be an ART major!

-FINACOTTON

!!! GRRRRR!!! I hate the Dumpster outside Commons!! It's so stinky!! It honestly smells awful. I go in to get food and when I walk out, I don't even want to eat anymore! Ewww! Oh, and the tours go right through there. I've heard kids who don't even go here say "Aw man that stinks!" THAT'S NOT GOOD!!! I wish it didn't smell so awful.

-EWIE SMELL

My one board game annoyance: getting a female in "Guess Who?". Seriously, it's so ridiculously easy to lose when you happen to pick one. And every time they ask the "Boy or Girl?" question and you answer Girl, they always pretend to have some phony shocked expression or "Wow, really?!" remark, when deep inside they're eyeing their little win counter on the left corner of their board, knowing that they've already won.

-ALICE AGAIN???

How about we all wear Uggs with our spandex pants and throw on a North Face and call it a fashion statement? For the young freshmen, learn to stay away from the trends that instinctively strike you as ridiculous! Don't conform to a stereotype just because they seem like the "coolest" girls on campus! In reality, it shows a lot about their character. Can we say lame and unoriginal?

-NAPOLEON

Suppose Ohioans spend \$1 billion a year in the casinos. Say the casino wins 80 percent. Casino gets \$800 million of revenue. Expenses of 60 percent. Profits are \$320 million. Tax rate of 33 percent, which equates to 105.6 million back to the state. Sound good? Ohioans SPENT \$1 billion, and only got 105.6 million in taxes back. Assume salaries were 40 percent of revenue that stayed in state. That's salaries of \$320 million, which makes a total effect on the Ohio economy a loss of \$574 million.

-EDDIE RICKENBACKER

Congrats Ohio voters on passing Issue 3. Now we can have some of those successful cities with casinos like there are in other states. I'm sure that will solve our economic problem ... gambling. I mean really, are we trying to be more like Detroit? That's a pretty bad goal to have. Can someone please name an iconic American city that we are striving to be like by having a casino? I didn't think so.

-EDDIE RICKENBACKER

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## Decades after the Vietnam War, history is repeating itself



**PATRICK SAUNDERS**  
FACULTY COLUMNIST

Yogi Berra said it best: "It's déjà vu all over again."

As we wait for the President to announce the new strategy for the "war" in Afghanistan, I am reminded of another time, when another president announced his strategy to deal with the "non-war" in Southeast Asia. That president — Lyndon Johnson — told us that he would not send American boys to fight in a war that Asian boys should be fighting, but he did send American boys to fight that war.

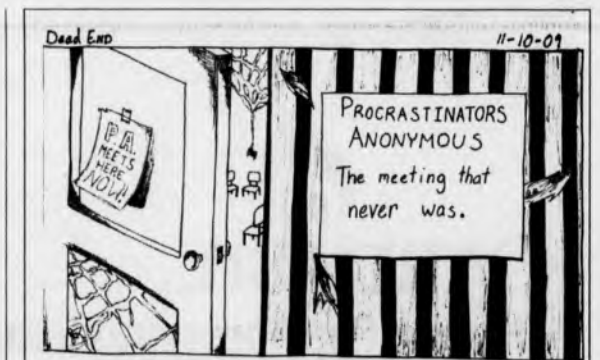
In the words of a song, "Lyndon Johnson told the Nation," written by Tom Paxton: "Lyndon Johnson told the nation, Have no fear of escalation, I am trying everyone to please. Though it isn't really war, We're sending fifty thousand more, to help save Vietnam from the Vietnamese; Well, here I sit in this rice paddy, Wondering about Big Daddy, And I know that Lyndon loves me so, Yet how sadly I remem-

ber, Way back yonder in November, When he said I'd never have to go, And Lyndon Johnson told the nation, Have no fear of escalation, I am trying everyone to please, Though it isn't really war, We're sending fifty thousand more, To help save Vietnam from the Vietnamese."

Decades later, we hear the ideas of that war being repeated, most of them involving an influx of troops from 60,000 to as many as 200,000 troops to "achieve victory" in Afghanistan. My question is this: what will that victory be in Afghanistan?

The idea of what a victory in Vietnam would be was never clear. Perhaps Henry Kissinger, Nixon's Secretary of State who negotiated what became the Paris Peace Accord of 1973 with the North Vietnamese, described what he considered a "victory" in the Vietnam war: a significant passage of time from the final departure of our troops and the rape of the first virgin.

Recently, a documentary on the Afghan War was screened on campus entitled, "Rethink Afghanistan." This film by Robert Greenwald provided a significant body of information



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on this struggle, the costs, who is the enemy and why and provided some solutions to bring an end to the war in a way that would be beneficial to everyone.

We went into Afghanistan to attack al-Qaida. According to General David Petraeus, the architect of the Iraq surge, there are no elements of al Qaeda left in that country. The resurgence of the Taliban is in direct parallel to the activity of the Western troops in Afghanistan. Every time we kill an innocent civilian, the Taliban grows stronger.

The Taliban has been resurrected as a group that is now fighting a "nationalist" struggle against Western Occupiers who support the corrupt Karzai government in Kabul whose legitimacy is doubtful because of the widespread fraud and corruption in the August election.

We need to end the war and help the Afghans help themselves.

You can watch the documentary online by going to [www.rethinkafghanistan.com](http://www.rethinkafghanistan.com); it is about an hour long, but well worth your time. If we don't take the right direction in Afghanistan, perhaps Tom Paxton's song about Vietnam could be updated to reflect what could well be our position: "Barack Obama told the nation, Have no fear of escalation, I am trying everyone to please, Though it isn't really war, We're sending fifty thousand more, to help save Afghanistan from the Afghans."

What will our legacy in war be? It is up to you. Go to [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) and send an e-mail asking the President to make the "just decision" in what our strategy will in the future in this ancient country decimated by war.

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# NATION BRIEFS

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## Authorities: 4 bodies found inside burned home

OKLAHOMA CITY — Firefighters found four people dead in a burning southwest Oklahoma City home early yesterday, and homicide detectives were looking for clues about what had happened.

Firefighters arrived at the home around 5:20 a.m. and found the one-story brick building engulfed in flames. Battalion Chief Brian Jackson said. They managed to pull one body from the house, but the rest of the victims "were too far gone," he said.

The cause of the fire and the deaths remained under investigation.

All four were pronounced dead at the scene. The names, ages and gender of all the victims have not been released, but Deputy Chief Cecil Clay said two of the victims were adults.

"As they were on their fire attack and search and rescue, they found the victims," Clay said of the firefighters. "As they were continuing their attack they were finding more victims."

Police investigators still were searching through the burned-out structure in the middle-class neighborhood yesterday morning, but Sgt. Gary Knight said that is routine for any fire fatality.

-Sean Murphy (AP)

## Hebrew Bible looted by Nazis being sent to Vienna

NEW YORK (AP) — A 16th century Hebrew Bible looted by the Nazis six decades ago was returned to Vienna's Jewish community Monday.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials turned over the two-volume Bible to two Austrian emissaries during a repatriation ceremony at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Manhattan.

Published in Venice in 1516-17, the Bible once was part of the well-known medieval manuscripts collection of S.H. Halberstam, officials said. In 1908, it was donated to the Vienna Jewish community library.

In 1938, during the annexation of Austria, Nazi soldiers confiscated the Bible in a seizure of the Jewish community's library, and the Bible later wound up in Berlin.

It was illegally imported into the United States in March, authorities said.

In June, New York auction house Kestenbaum & Co., which specializes in rare books, offered the Bible for sale, according to immigration officials and federal prosecutors. An investigation by immigration officials concluded that it belonged to the library.

## Case against Ohio bodies suspect expands overseas

CLEVELAND — Authorities are investigating whether a man whose home and yard harbored the remains of at least 11 people is connected to any killings in places he lived while in the military, including Japan, California and the Carolinas.

The FBI told Cleveland police that the agency will investigate any leads in the case against Anthony Sowell, 50, who served in the Marines from 1978 to 1985, said Scott Wilson, an FBI spokesman in Cleveland.

FBI behavioral specialists visited the Sowell property during the weekend and will try to develop a profile of the killings that could help determine whether investigations need to be opened or reopened elsewhere, Wilson said.

Sowell was stationed at various times at Parris Island, S.C.; Cherry Point, N.C.; Okinawa, Japan; and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The city of East Cleveland is also reviewing three unsolved slayings in 1988 and 1989, after Sowell returned there from service in the Marines and before he went to prison for attempted rape, said Sgt. Ken Bolton, a detective for the police department in the Cleveland suburb.

-Thomas J. Sheeran (AP)

## Gulf Coast preps as Ida weakens to tropical storm

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Gulf Coast residents hunkered down at home and in shelters yesterday as a rare late-season tropical storm headed their way, bringing with it the potential for high winds, flooding and up to 8 inches of rain in some places.

After a quiet Atlantic storm season, people took the year's first serious threat in stride.

"Nobody has gotten into panic mode," said Bobbie Buerger, who owns a general store on Dauphin Island, south of Mobile, Ala., where residents were buying bread and candles yesterday.

Earlier, heavy rain in Ida's wake triggered flooding and landslides in El Salvador that killed 134 people. One mudslide covered the town of Verapaz, about 30 miles outside the capital, San Salvador, before dawn Sunday.

Ida started out as the third hurricane of this year's Atlantic season, which ends Dec. 1, but weakened to a tropical storm yesterday, with maximum sustained winds near 70 mph (110 kph).

-Melissa Nelson (AP)

## Man confesses to shooting Kan. abortion provider

WICHITA, Kan. — Defiant and unapologetic, a man accused of shooting a Kansas abortion provider confessed to the slaying Monday, telling The Associated Press that he killed the doctor to protect unborn children.

Scott Roeder, 51, of Kansas City, Mo., spoke to the AP in a telephone call from jail, saying he plans to argue at his trial that he was justified in shooting Dr. George Tiller at the abortion provider's Wichita church in May.

"Because of the fact preborn children's lives were in imminent danger this was the action I chose. ... I want to make sure that the focus is, of course, obviously on the preborn children and the necessity to defend them," Roeder said.

"Defending innocent life — that is what prompted me. It is pretty simple," he said.

Roeder is charged with one count of first-degree murder in Tiller's death and two counts of aggravated assault for allegedly threatening two ushers who tried to stop him during the May 31 melee in the foyer of the doctor's church. Roeder has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to go to trial in January.

-Roxana Hegeman (AP)

## Md. man killed, 6 hurt in Pa. speak-easy shooting

READING, Pa. (AP) — Authorities in eastern Pennsylvania say a Maryland man is dead after a weekend shooting at an illegal bar that also injured six people.

Reading (RED'-ing) police say 28-year-old Richard Gonzalez, of Prince George's County, was killed around 3:30 a.m. Sunday in what investigators are calling a speakeasy.

Berks County District Attorney John Adams says about 100 people were in the bar. He says multiple shooters fired 25 to 30 shots.

Investigators say the speakeasy operated out of a row house in northwest Reading, about 50 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

Police say the bar was a nuisance that had been shut down before.

# Lawyer asks investigators not to question shooting suspect

By Mike Baker

The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The man accused of killing 13 people and wounding 29 at Fort Hood is able to talk, a hospital spokesman said yesterday, but it's unknown when investigators might take advantage of his improving health to press forward with their probe into the shooting spree.

Authorities say Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan fired off more than 100 rounds Thursday at a soldier

processing center before civilian police shot him in the torso. He was taken into custody and eventually moved to an Army hospital in San Antonio, where he was in stable condition and able to talk, said Dewey Mitchell, a Brooke Army Medical Center spokesman.

Authorities continue to refer to Hasan, 39, as the only suspect in the shootings, but they won't say when charges would be filed and have said they have not determined a motive. A spokesman for Army investigators did

not immediately respond to calls and e-mails seeking comment yesterday.

Retired Col. John P. Galligan said he was contacted yesterday by Hasan's family, which asked him to be their lawyer. Galligan said he was hoping to meet with Hasan later in the day.

"Until I meet with him, it's best to say we're just going to protect all of his rights," he said. Galligan said he did not know Hasan's condition.

Fifteen of the shooting victims remained hospitalized

with gunshot wounds, and eight were in intensive care.

The personal Web site for a radical American imam living in Yemen who had contact with two 9/11 hijackers praised Hasan as a hero.

The posting yesterday on the Web site for Anwar al Awlaki, who was a spiritual leader at two mosques where three 9/11 hijackers worshipped, said American Muslims who condemned the Fort Hood attack are hypocrites who have committed treason against their religion.

Awlaki said the only way a Muslim can justify serving in the U.S. military is if he intends to "follow in the footsteps of men like Nidal."

"Nidal Hassan (sic) is a hero," Awlaki said. "He is a man of conscience who could not bear living the contradiction of being a Muslim and serving in an army that is fighting against his own people."

Two U.S. intelligence officials told The Associated Press the Web site was Awlaki's. They spoke on condition of anonymity

to discuss intelligence collection. Awlaki did not immediately respond to an attempt to contact him through the Web site.

Hasan's family attended the Dar al Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church, Va., where Awlaki was preaching in 2001. Hasan's mother's funeral was held at the mosque on May 31, 2001, according to her obituary in the Roanoke Times newspaper, around the same time two 9/11 hijackers worshipped at the mosque and while Awlaki was preaching.

You deserve a factual look at . . .

## Arabian Fables (II)

### More fanciful Arab myths to sway world opinion.

Earlier this year, we published our message, "Arabian Fables (I)," in which we made clear how the Arab propaganda machine creates myths and lies with which to misinform the world. We discussed the myths of the "Palestinians" and of the "West Bank" and the mythical concept of "occupied territories". In today's message, we shall address three more of these myths.

#### What are some of these myths?

**Jerusalem ("Arab East Jerusalem").** The Arabs have assiduously propagated the myths that Jerusalem is an Arab capital, that (after Mecca and Medina) Jerusalem is their third holy city, and that it is intolerable to them that infidels (Jews) are in possession of it.

The reality of course is that Jerusalem was never an Arab capital and that it was, until the Jews revitalized it, a dusty provincial city that hardly played any economic, social, or political role. Jerusalem is mentioned hundreds of times in the Jewish Bible and has been the center of the Jewish faith and the focus of Jewish longing ever since the Romans destroyed the Temple in the early years of the first millennium. Not once is Jerusalem mentioned in the Koran.

As to "East Jerusalem": There is East Saint Louis, there is East Hampton, and there used to be East Berlin, but, until the Arab propaganda machine created the concept, there was never in history an "East Jerusalem", let alone an "Arab East Jerusalem".

The eastern part of Jerusalem is now predominantly inhabited by Arabs, though their proportion is decreasing. But what is the reason for this? It is because the Jordanians destroyed all traces of Jewish presence from the eastern part of the city and drove all the Jews out during the 19 years (between 1948 and 1967) in which they were in occupation of the eastern part of the city. The world, informed by Arab propaganda, considers those Jews who wish to return to the eastern part of the city to be troublemakers or worse.

The concept of Jerusalem being a holy Arab city and the capital of whatever political entity the "Palestinians" may eventually form is a myth and so of course is the concept of "Arab East Jerusalem".

**"Settlements."** When Jordan came into possession of Judea/Samaria and the eastern part of Jerusalem, following the invasion of the newly-formed Jewish state, and stayed in occupation for 19 years, it systematically obliterated all Jewish villages in the area under their occupation, drove out the Jewish inhabitants, and left the area "judenrein" (free of Jews)—the first time that concept had been applied since the Nazis created it during their short and bloody reign in Germany. When the Israelis recovered these territories, they rebuilt these villages, created new ones, and built new towns and suburbs to existing

cities, especially Jerusalem.

The Arabs decided to call these towns and villages "settlements", with their connotation of illegitimacy and impermanence. The world, including the United States, is much agitated over these population centers and, goaded by the Arabs, declares them to be impediments to peace. What nonsense! Nobody considers the tens of thousands of Arabs who continue to stream to these territories as impediments to peace.

The term "settlements", too, is a propaganda myth created by the Arabs.

"The Arab propaganda machine has created myths that have been accepted by much of the world. No peace in the Middle East is possible until those Arab myths have been exposed for what they are!"

**"Refugees."** In 1948, when six Arab armies invaded the Jewish state in order to destroy it on the very day of its birth, broadcasts by the advancing Arab armies appealed to the resident Arabs to leave their homes so as not to be in the way of the invaders. As soon as the "quick victory" was won, they could return to their homes and would also enjoy the loot from the Jews, who would have been driven into the sea. It didn't turn out quite that way. Those Arabs who, despite the urgings of the Jews to stay and to remain calm, foolishly left, became refugees. Those who decided not to yield to those blandishments are now, and have been for over 60 years, citizens of Israel, with all the same rights and privileges as their Jewish fellows.

But what happened to those refugees—by best estimates about 600,000 of them? Did their "Arab brethren" allow them to settle in their countries, to work, and to become productive citizens and useful members of their societies? No! They kept and still keep them, their children, their grandchildren, and in some cases even their great-grandchildren, in miserable "refugee camps", so that they can be used as political and military pawns in order to keep the burning hatred against Israel alive and in order to supply the manpower for the unrelenting fight against Israel.

During those more than sixty years, Israel has taken in more than three million Jewish immigrants from all parts of the world and has integrated them productively into its society. According to the "Palestinians", the Arab "refugees" have now marvelously increased to five million (!). It is the intent and fervent desire of the Arabs that all of them should return to Israel so as to destroy the country without the necessity of war.

The "refugees" are a red herring and another myth created by the Arab propaganda machine.

The Arab propaganda machine, aided by the most high-powered public relations firms in the United States and all over, has created myths that, by dint of constant repetition, have been accepted as truth by much of the world. No sensible discussion, no peace in the Middle East, is possible until those Arab myths have been exposed for what they are.

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# A storm is brewing



«TRACY PONTIUS

It takes but one defensive stop from the Falcons. It doesn't matter who gets it, all that matters is that the ball finds its way into Tracy Pontius' hands. With lightning speed, she dashes across midcourt, looking for one player — Lauren Prochaska. With a smooth touch, "Lo" puts up a three-point shot, bringing the Anderson Arena crowd to its feet in a thunderous roar.

Story by Andrew Harner | Sports Editor

**T**his scene is familiar to BG women's basketball fans who watched these guards post two of the best sophomore campaigns in school history last season, helping the team advance to the third round of the WNIT.

Now as juniors, the defending Mid-American Conference Player of the Year (Prochaska) and an honorable mention All-American (Pontius) are back for an encore.

"Certainly, they can't rest on their laurels," said BG coach Curt Miller. "They had great sophomore campaigns, so it would be easy to not work hard and take for granted they're going to have that success again."

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«LAUREN PROCHASKA

## Sophomore Morgan is textbook definition of a team player

By Andrew Harner  
Sports Editor



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FUMBLE: Keith Morgan returns a fumble.

Keith Morgan knows he is ahead of his time.

After filling in for the suspended P.J. Mahone, the sophomore safety finds himself among the team's leading tacklers after making six starts through the team's first nine games.

Morgan never dreamed he would be in that company for at least a couple more years.

"Not this year," Morgan said. "It was kind of one of my long term goals for when I'm a senior. But I never expected it to be happening my sophomore year."

But that all changed Sept. 15, when Morgan's number was called after Mahone was suspended indefinitely. Morgan

made the most of the newfound opportunity, recording nine tackles and an interception in his first start against Marshall.

"Keith's a good player, and he's going to be a very good player here," said Dave Clawson, BG's coach. "He kind of got thrown in there and we asked him to do a lot. At times he did well and, at times, like any football player, he had some breakdowns."

In total, Morgan has 58 tackles this season, an interception and a fumble recovery, good marks for someone who had played in just eight games before the season.

"The challenge at first is getting used to it, coming from not playing a whole lot last year, to starting this year," Morgan said. "I have a little bit more weight on my shoulders to do as much as I

### LIFE OF A REPLACEMENT

Sophomore safety Keith Morgan was pushed into the starting lineup on Sept. 15 after P.J. Mahone was suspended indefinitely. Starting in week three against Marshall, Morgan made six starts before Mahone returned to action last Tuesday against Buffalo. Here are his stats as a starter:

Opponent	Tackles	Season total
Week 3 - Marshall	9	17
Week 4 - Boise State	9	26
Week 5 - Ohio	6	32
Week 6 - Kent State	9	41
Week 7 - Ball State	11	52
Week 8 - C. Michigan	5	57

can to help the team out."

That weight will be lessened for the remainder of the season, as Mahone has been reinstated to the team and was given a start in a 30-29 win against Buffalo, but Morgan is expected to be a starting safety for the next two seasons.

"I'm really glad we have Keith

Morgan on our team for two more years," Clawson said. "He's going to be a really good safety in this league."

Morgan — who said the extra playing time this season will help him a lot in the next two seasons — carried Clawson's decision to reinstate Mahone with class, taking it in stride

and accepting his diminished role for the rest of the season.

A true team player, Morgan is more worried about making sure his contributions will help create team success, no matter how big or small they may be.

"I take [playing time] as it comes — whatever helps the team win games," Morgan said. "If we can win out, that's all that really matters to me."

The Falcons (4-5, 3-2 Mid-American Conference) have three more games on the schedule and the teams they face — Miami, Akron and Toledo — have a combined season record of 7-21 (4-12 MAC), so Morgan's wish may come true.

And it's not irrational to think he will do his part to make sure the team continues winning for the next two seasons.

## Kordan, Bland reflect on senior season

By Angelo Velotta  
Reporter

Looking back on four years of playing soccer with the Falcons, senior co-captains Samantha Bland and Colleen Kordan have bittersweet emotions.

They both loved their time playing soccer under coach Andy Richards but now that it is over, both are already missing it.

"I can't even explain the emotions," Bland said. "You never think the day actually will come when you're done with something that you have put so much time into your whole life."

"I'm extremely sad to be done with BG's soccer, it was one of the best experiences of my life." Kordan shares some of the same and some different feelings about finishing her final season.

"I am excited to move onto a new chapter of my life and enjoy things that I couldn't while I was playing soccer," Kordan said. "I'm planning on graduating in the spring. It's an exciting part in my life."

But Kordan is hung up on some of the way this season panned out.

"The way my senior class and I



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**LAST TIME:** Colleen Kordan is happy to be moving on with her life but also sad she won't be playing soccer for the Falcons anymore.

went out, that's not how I wanted to be remembered," Kordan said. "It was my goal to help lead my team to a championship and I wasn't able to fulfill that goal. It's sad — soccer has been a part of my life for the past 15 years and now it's gone. It still hasn't hit me yet."

There are a lot of things that Kordan and Bland will take with them now that their season has come to a close and they are on their way to graduation. Richards has definitely left them with some good lessons that apply to both on and off

the field.

"Losing makes you appreciate winning," Bland said. "Don't be selfish. When you work as a team, you can accomplish so much more than working for yourself."

But some lessons will be left on the soccer field.

"Always keep the ball low and hard and in the corner," Bland said.

The seniors also will miss much more from their four

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## Falcon rugby beats Minnesota in quarterfinals

By CJ Watson  
Reporter

The BG rugby team used their speed and power against Minnesota last Saturday to help propel them into the final four of the Midwest Championship for the 10th straight year.

The Falcons defeated the Gophers 35-27 in a gripping match that was a battle until the final whistle.

BG ran their combined — between the A, B, and C-squads — record to 24-3 with the win this weekend.

"Our record against Minnesota is 8-0, all coming in Midwest playoff games," said club director Roger Mazzarella. "We have never played a regular season match against each other, the last two coming in the Midwest Championship game in 2007 and 2009."

With the loss last week against Ohio State in the back of their mind, the Falcons were fired up to take on the Gophers.

"The loss last week was a spark for the whole team that we need to come ready to play as hard as we can for 80 minutes," said wing Rocco Mauer. "This club will never get used to losing and we take pride in every minute we're out on the field."

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Rocco Mauer | Wing

BG was the first to capitalize and ran out to an early 17-0 lead that featured a penalty kick from fly half Nick Viviani and tries from Mauer and fullback Nick Brandenstein.

Minnesota responded near the end of the second half, scoring two tries to cut the lead in half. Viviani closed out the first half knocking in a penalty kick and giving BG a 20-10 lead at the break.

As the second half began, Minnesota scored quickly off of a lineout deep in BG territory.

Mauer would score the next try in what Mazzarella described as a "pinball-like cruise through the Minnesota defensive backfield."

Wing Joey Newton was next to help, stretching BG's lead to 30-15 as he rumbled

over defenders en route to five points for the Falcons.

The Gophers would not falter as they strung together two scoring drives to narrow the lead to 30-27 in favor of the Falcons. Despite the close contest, the Falcons remained positive and stuck to their game plan.

"Never at one point in the game did we think we were going to lose," Mauer said. "We outplayed them the whole afternoon."

Wing Andrew Batt shut the door on the Gophers, as he stole a skip pass and took it 75 yards untouched for a try which would prove to be the final score for either team.

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#### The 51 names to know this season

In the first of a two part series, The BG News looks at the first 26 of 51 names you need to know for the 2009-10 Mid-American Conference basketball season. | **Page 9**

### MORE FALCON HONORS

#### Barnes honored by CFPA

Senior receiver Freddie Barnes was named an Honorable Mention Wide Receiver of the Week by CFPA after an 8-reception, 122-yard performance against Buffalo.

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#### KEITH MORGAN

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"I take [playing time] as it comes — whatever helps the team win games."



# Mangini keeping mum on QBs

Tom Withers  
The Associated Press

BEREA — The bye week didn't change Eric Mangini. He's still keeping secrets.

Cleveland's coach did not reveal his starting quarterback for next Monday's game against the Baltimore Ravens. During the Browns' bye week, Mangini said he would announce "early next week" if it would be Derek Anderson or Brady Quinn under center on national TV.

Yesterday, Mangini said he will wait until tomorrow before making his QB choice public.

"I know where I'm headed, but we'll talk about that on Wednesday," Mangini said during his news conference. "I haven't talked to the quarterbacks about it yet, so that's part of it."

Anderson's poor play in recent weeks might prompt another change. He is the NFL's lowest-rated quarterback with a 36.2 rating and is coming off a 6-for-17 performance with two inter-

ceptions in a 30-6 loss to the Chicago Bears. Since taking over for Quinn in Week 3, Anderson has thrown two touchdown passes and nine interceptions while going 1-4 as a starter.

His rating in the fourth quarter is almost hard to believe: 3.1.

Anderson, who took over when Quinn was benched in the second half of Cleveland's third game at Baltimore (4-4), turned down an interview request as the Browns (1-7) returned to the practice field after getting a few days off. Quinn spoke to reporters but had little clue about Mangini's plans.

"I have no idea," he said. "I'm looking forward to trying to get better today and I'll take it day by day. That's really all you can do at this point."

Mangini's secrecy is nothing new. He didn't announce Quinn as his starter for the season opener until an hour before kickoff.

There's no doubt Quinn would like another chance to show what he can do. He came in for the final series against the

"Looking back in the series that I had, I felt pretty comfortable with my decision-making with a couple of exceptions. I would just try to go out there and get better and make something happen."

Brady Quinn | Quarterback

Bears, mop-up duty that could have just as easily gone to Brett Ratliff, who has yet to step on the field this season. Quinn completed nearly 60 percent (46 of 77) of his passes during his 10 quarters of action, which came against Minnesota, Denver and Baltimore. The Broncos have the league's top-ranked defense.

Given another chance, Quinn isn't sure what he could do differently.

"I don't know," he said. "Looking back in the series that I had, I felt pretty comfortable with my decision-making with a couple of exceptions. I would just try to

go out there and get better and make something happen."

It may not matter who runs Cleveland's inept offense. The Browns have scored just five offensive touchdowns, two less than the New Orleans defense. The Saints have outscored the Browns 303-78. It's as if they're playing another sport.

And as the never-ending QB saga drags on, the Browns returned from a bizarre bye week that included general manager George Kokinis' mysterious dismissal without any more information being provided about his ouster.

## STORM

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But with as high a work ethic as both players have, there is no chance that anything but hard work and dedication will be displayed during practice and games this season.

"I have a lot of work to do," Prochaska said. "Every day, I can work harder than I did last year. Every day I can get better."

And why not? That same hard work allowed Prochaska and Pontius to lead the team to a regular-season MAC Championship, score 43.5 percent of the team's points and make more three-pointers (152) than their opponents (146) last season.

A newcomer to the team, senior transfer Tamika Nurse said a more experienced Prochaska and Pontius add a dimension to the team they didn't have last season.

"Tracy and Lauren are incredible," Nurse said. "I like the versatility we have in the backcourt."

The Falcon backcourt was

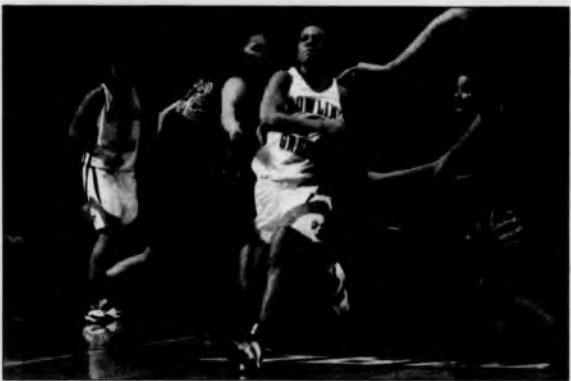
already strong last season, as Pontius led the team with 141 assists and Prochaska added 67 of her own. With Nurse in the equation, their assist numbers are likely to go down, but that will allow them to work on other areas of their game.

Prochaska — on the days she wasn't limited by the flu and mono earlier this year — said she was working on penetration and finishing or making the extra pass. Driving to the hoop has become a key to Prochaska's game after she made a nation-best 93.3 percent of free throws last season.

Miller said he thinks Pontius hasn't even reached her potential and knows she will continue to work toward it.

"I think she's still got one more notch to go and I think you're going to see a great career out of her," he said.

Serving as her motivation for this season will likely be the team's second straight defeat in the MAC Tournament, which left Pontius and Prochaska in tears at the postgame trophy presentation and press conference last season.



CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

**TO THE HOOP:** Tracy Pontius (center) is more likely to dish out an assist during a game, but she will drive to the basket if she sees an opening.

But for all the tears they have shed together, the two have shared as many cheers and good times off the court.

"We're just best friends," Pontius said. "Our chemistry on and off the court is unreal. We're like sisters."

If they really were sisters, considering a last name change to Storm wouldn't be too bad of an idea, as the two will likely bring lightning and thunder to

Anderson Arena all season.

"Even this year, she is becoming faster," Prochaska said of Pontius. "She's really picked up her tempo, and she's been playing really hard this year."

But it's the clutch shot from Prochaska that makes her speed worth the while.

"She'll always make a big shot when we need it and listening to the crowd roar gives us a lot of adrenaline," Pontius said.

Bland has scored three goals and two assists in her tenure here at BG. Her defensive accomplishments are even more impressive though, as she has been named the team's defensive MVP each year with the Falcons.

For these two players, looking back on their memories on the field is very rewarding and emotional. Now that they have left their legacies on the field, they are leaving the world of BG soccer with some advice for the younger players, to help them prosper.

"Always give 100 percent and have fun," Kordan said. "I remember when I was a freshman the seniors used to tell me, 'Enjoy it — it'll be over before you know it.'"

Samantha Bland had a similar message, along with a certain goal she would like the Falcons to carry out.

"Stay in shape, stay out of trouble, don't get down on yourself," she said. "And win a flip-pin' ring."



RYAN PIROG | THE BG NEWS

**GET THAT RING:** Samantha Bland said she told her teammates to "win a flippin' ring" amongst other things before she left the team due to graduation.

cer would be great."

"I hope to play co-ed and in leagues with my former teammates," Kordan said. "Maybe one day, I'll go back to coaching. I hope to stay connected to the BGSU program by attending games and working the summer camp."

Looking back, one must look at the highlights and accom-

plishments of these two soccer players. Kordan has accumulated five goals scored along with seven assists in her four years here as a Falcon. She was named to the All-MAC team her freshman year, named co-defensive MVP along with Bland her sophomore year and named First Team All-MAC her junior year.

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**BATTLE:** The Falcons battle with Minnesota during this weekend's game.

## PLAYOFFS

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Mauer has been the star of the team all year and has electrified crowds with his quickness and will to win. As Mauer is approaching a club record for tries in a season, needing four more to break the mark, his stellar play is not going unrecognized.

"Breaking the record would be a great accomplishment, but all my mind is focused on is winning both games this weekend," Mauer said. "It is humbling to think of how far I have come to this point to have an opportunity to break the record. I know I can do it, but winning both games this

weekend is all that matters."

In what Mazzarella described as a "revenge bonus game," the Falcons will take on Ohio State for the second time in three weeks.

Ohio State is the only team to defeat the Falcons in regular season play since 2006.

"It is very, very rare that two teams would ever play each other twice in the same season," Mazzarella said. "We will see if they are really better or we just had an off night."

BG will face off with the Buckeyes in the semifinals of the Midwest Championship this Saturday in Indiana at 1 p.m. If the Falcons come out victorious, they will also play the championship game this weekend.



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## Palestinian negotiator: 'Defining moment' is here

JERUSALEM — The chief Palestinian negotiator yesterday warned Israel that if it does not take peacemaking seriously, it will find itself dealing with the militant Hamas instead of moderates like him.

Negotiator Saeb Erekat and other Palestinian officials have been quoted as recommending dismantling the Palestinian Authority, set up in interim accords with Israel to prepare for creation of a Palestinian state. Erekat said that plan has failed because "18 years of negotiations since the two-state solution was raised have gone nowhere."

"We have reached our defining moment," he said. "We are still trying to convince the Israelis to stop [West Bank] settlement activities" and accept a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, and if progress is not made, "we will have to take other steps." He would not elaborate.

But he denied calling for dissolving the Palestinian Authority.

—Mark Lavie (AP)

## Obama pays tribute to fall of Berlin Wall

BERLIN (AP) — President Barack Obama has paid tribute to the fall 20 years ago of the Berlin Wall in a video message to the main anniversary event.

Obama said in the message introduced yesterday by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that the anniversary sends a message of hope to "those who believe, even in the face of cynicism and doubt and oppression, that walls can truly come down."

Obama said: "Let us never forget Nov. 9, 1989 nor the sacrifices that made it possible." He said the fall of the wall would always be remembered and cherished in the United States.

He said that "there could be no clearer rebuke of tyranny, there could be no stronger affirmation of freedom" than the sight of people tearing down the wall.

His message was greeted with applause and cheers.

## Honduras finds alleged drug landing strip

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Honduran authorities said Monday that they have discovered a secret landing strip on property once owned by a slain congressman suspected of trafficking in precursor chemicals for methamphetamine.

Almost any size aircraft would have been able to land on the 980-yard (900-meter) strip found on the cattle ranch near the western border with Guatemala, said Julian Gonzalez, anti-narcotics director of the national attorney general's office. The strip was still under construction, however, and had not been used, he said.

The ranch had been owned by Mario Hernandez, a lawmaker killed by unknown gunmen in November 2008. Three days before his death, France seized \$7 million worth of pseudoephedrine shipped by a company Hernandez owned. The company had been a front for providing pseudoephedrine to drug cartels, Gonzalez said.

Shortly before his death, Hernandez sold the farm to his driver, Gonzalez said. He said investigators believe the property — known around town as the "Mexican ranch" — was used by drug traffickers tied to Mexico's powerful Sinaloa cartel.

—Freddy Cuevas (AP)

## Brazilian university in trouble over mini-dress

SAO PAULO — The Brazilian government sought an explanation yesterday from the private university that expelled a woman for wearing a short, pink dress to class, creating an uproar on the Internet and throughout a nation where skimpy attire is common.

The Brazilian Education Ministry said it will give Bandeirante University 10 days to clarify its reasoning for kicking out 20-year-old Geisy Arruda after she was ridiculed by other students for going to class with the short dress on Oct. 22. She had to put on a professor's white coat and was escorted away by police amid a hail of insults and curses.

A video of the incident was posted on YouTube and quickly made headlines across Brazil. The university's decision Sunday to expel the student prompted complaints from the national student union and the country's minister in charge of women's policy, among others.

Depending on what the university has to say, the Education Ministry could recommend that it reconsider its decision, Education ministry spokesman Murilo Milhomem said.

—Tales Azzoni (AP)

## Lebanon premier unveils new Cabinet with Hezbollah

BEIRUT — Lebanon's prime minister formed a Cabinet yesterday that includes the militant group Hezbollah and its allies, ending a political deadlock that left the deeply divided nation without a government for months and threatened to ignite violence.

Saad Hariri unveiled the 30-member Cabinet after more than four months of tough bargaining with his rivals in the Hezbollah-led political coalition over who would get which portfolios.

Hariri's Western-backed bloc narrowly defeated the Hezbollah-led group in June's parliamentary election, enabling it to retain a slim majority in the 128-member legislature. But Hariri's need to include his powerful rivals in a national unity government set the stage for the months of wrangling.

In the end, some commentators said the governing formula gives Hezbollah and its allies virtual veto power over government decisions.

Hariri, whose father, a former prime minister himself, was assassinated in a 2005 truck bombing in Beirut, pledged to work with "open doors" and cooperate with all factions in Lebanon's combustible mix of ethnic and religious parties.

—Hussein Dakroub (AP)

## Pro-government group defends Argentina media law

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Argentine journalists, academics and ruling party lawmakers met yesterday to challenge the conclusions of an international media group that Latin American leaders are exerting too much control over the press.

Supporters of a controversial new Argentine media law say it will limit monopolies and maintain a diversity of news outlets regardless of wealth. Critics at the annual meeting of the Inter American Press Association in Buenos Aires say it threatens freedom of expression.

"The best response to this chorus of dinosaurs is to push forth our democratic mechanisms," said Luis Lazzaro of the Federal Council of Audiovisuals Communication, a state-sponsored organization that regulates local radio and television stations.

Argentina's law, passed last month, preserves two-thirds of the digital spectrum for noncommercial radio and TV stations and gives political appointees a powerful role in granting licenses and regulating content.

Unless legal challenges succeed, Grupo Clarin — a frequent government critic and one of Latin America's largest newspaper and cable TV companies — will be forced to sell many of its properties within a year.

—Vanessa Hand Orellana (AP)

# Iraq election law delays decision on flash points

By Ryan Lucas  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — After weeks of hard-nosed negotiations, analysts say the election law passed by Iraq's parliament allowing national polls to go forward in January extends compromises to all sides but with key concessions to the Kurds.

However, analysts warn the bill also sidesteps a decision on the ultimate fate of Kirkuk — a city claimed by both Kurds and Arabs that had been a major stumbling block to the law's passage — and ensures more battles

over the city in the future.

"Because there was pressure to pass the law and have the election, they are just pushing this issue under the carpet," said Mustafa Alani from the Gulf Research Center in Dubai. "I don't see a clear solution to this problem here."

Haggling over Kirkuk had repeatedly stalled the law's passage, and further delay threatened to undermine Iraq's fledgling democracy and derail a U.S. plan to withdraw its troops.

Kurds consider Kirkuk a Kurdish city and want it incorporated into their self-ruled region

in northern Iraq, something the Arab-led central government adamantly opposes.

Under former dictator Saddam Hussein, tens of thousands of Kurds were kicked out of the city to make Kirkuk predominantly Arab. Since Saddam's fall, thousands of Kurds have flooded back, but Arabs claim there are more than ever before.

The legislation passed Sunday allows the vote in Kirkuk to be held just like in other regions around the country. However, if lawmakers suspect there was a more than 5 percent annual increase in population in a dis-

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Mustafa Alani | Gulf Research Center

puted area, including Kirkuk, they can vote to create a committee to investigate and eventually contest the election results in a given district.

This solution addresses Arab and Turkomen claims that Kurds have packed the city in an attempt to tip the scales.

But analysts say the Kurds also notched a victory by having the elections carried out

on the basis of 2009 voter lists, which likely reflect Kurdish increases in the city, instead of the 2004 records that Arabs have generally favored.

"I think probably the Kurds won out on this one," said Marina Ottaway of the Washington-based Carnegie Endowment for Peace. "I think it will be very difficult to invalidate the election."

The law specifies the way the Kirkuk issue was settled will not be binding for future decisions on the disputed city. However, the legislation appears to set the stage for further disputes over interpretation and implementation of the law.

Yesterday, Iraq's Independent High Electoral Commission submitted a proposal to Iraq's presidency council to hold the elections on Jan. 21, five days after the previously scheduled date, commission chief Faraj al-Haidari said. It must now be approved by the presidential council.

The commission also determined there should be 323 seats in the next parliament, up from 275, Al-Haidari said.

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# 51 names to know

for the 2009-10 Mid-American Conference basketball season

## 51 Calvin Betts • Sr. Buffalo

A senior forward, Betts led the Bulls in rebounds (203) and blocked shots (18) last season. He also doubled his three-point output as a junior, making 41 last year after making just 20 the two years before.



## 50 Cassie Schrock • Jr. Eastern Michigan

Schrock was the only player to start all 29 games a season ago, playing a team-high 1,028 minutes. She averaged 13.3 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game while leading the team in steals (53).



## 49 Justin Dobbins • Sr. Eastern Michigan

Dobbins was just one of two EMU players to average double figures in points last season. Dobbins ranks 11th in EMU's history for blocked shots (55) and has scored in double figures 39 times in his three years.



## 48 Terrence Watson • Sr. Ball State

After sitting out last season due to NCAA transfer rules, Watson, a senior, brings valuable experience to the Cardinals. Watson helped lead Mott Community College to a 60-9 record over two seasons.



## 47 Jena Stutzman • So. Kent State

A three-point specialist, the sophomore netted 44.2 percent of her tries in her first collegiate season, ranking fourth in the nation. She made 16 of her final 30 three-point tries last season.



## 46 Tyree Evans • Sr. Kent State

Evans shot 40 percent from the three-point line last season while averaging 11.7 points per game. The senior had 16 double-digit scoring games last season, despite only making eight starts.



## 45 Joe Jakubowski • Jr. Bowling Green

BG's junior point guard will look to return to his freshman form when he was named to the MAC All-Freshman team. He slipped a little last season, averaging just 7.7 points per game, best among returning starters.



### Three keys to Jakubowski's game:

- 1. Speed** - Coach Louis Orr said Jakubowski is one of the fastest players around last season.
- 2. Assists** - Jakubowski is a shooter's best friend, dishing out assists on a regular basis.
- 3. Steals** - "Joe Jak" has 61 career steals.

## 44 Justin Anyijong • Jr. Toledo

One of two returning starters for the Rockets, Anyijong averaged 9.7 points and 6.4 rebounds per game in his sophomore season. At 6-foot-9, 205 pounds, Anyijong will alter shots inside for Toledo.



## 43 Miame Giden • So. Western Michigan

As a freshman last season, Giden started 27 of 30 games and was named to the All-MAC Freshman Team. She led the Broncos in scoring with 12.4 points per game and was second among freshmen in the MAC.



## 42 Steve Hawkins • HC Western Michigan

Hawkins has led the Broncos to back-to-back MAC West Championships and has compiled four MAC Championships in his six years as head coach. In those six years, Hawkins has an overall record of 105-84.



## 41 Kyle Baumgartner • So. Akron

Baumgartner was on the MAC All-Freshman Team last season. She was the top first-year rebounder in the MAC (7.2 rpg) and led Akron with 30 blocks, the 10th highest single-season total in school history.



## 40 Robbie Harman • Sr. Central Michigan

Harman led the MAC in three pointers as a junior, converting 72 times from beyond the arc. Against Wright State last season, the senior hit a pair of buzzer beaters, one to force overtime and another to win.



## 39 Tommy Freeman • Jr. Ohio

Freeman made a MAC-best 42.5 percent of his three-point attempts last season as a sophomore. While he wasn't netting triples, Freeman impacted the game from the free throw line, making 80.7 percent of his shots.



## 38 Allie Clifton • Sr. Toledo

Despite missing six games due to an injury, Clifton still averaged 9.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game as a junior. Clifton is also a leader for Toledo, as she has served as co-captain in the past two seasons.



## 37 Charlie Coles • HC Miami

At 66-years old, Coles' 183 career MAC wins are 11 away from the all time record. Coles will also get his 300th overall victory this season as he sits at 299-239 in his collegiate career.



## 36 Rachel Bennett • Sr. Kent State

The fifth-year senior will take the floor as a starter for the fourth straight season. The Flashes will look to her as a threat this season after she led the team in assists (131) and minutes (33.7 per game) last season.



## 35 Otis Polk • Sr. Bowling Green

The senior big man started all 33 games last season, grabbing 181 rebounds and making 50.3 percent of his shots. The school's career leader in blocks, Polk had 41 last season.



### They said it:

"I hope and my prayer for him is that he is the most dominating big guy in this league," said coach Louis Orr.

"I'm used to having to guard him... it's going to be nice to take some wear off my body," said senior Marc Larson.

## 34 Ebony Ellis • Jr. Northern Illinois

As a sophomore last season, Ellis ranked second in the conference in rebounding (8.8 rpg), eighth in field goal percentage (49.1 percent) and scoring (9.5 ppg).



## 33 Bob Lindsay • HC Kent State

Entering his 21st season as the Flashes' coach, Lindsay will look to push Kent State ahead of Bowling Green in the standings. His team received 12 first-place votes in the MAC East preseason poll.



## 32 Steven Coleman • So. Ohio

Coleman is the Bobcats' best returning shooter, making 47.1 percent of his shots last season, including 34.7 percent from three-point-land. He was a member of the MAC All-Freshman team.



## 31 Tamika Nurse • Sr. Bowling Green

A transfer from Oregon University will get her chance with the Falcons in her senior season. The speedy guard had 606 points, 191 rebounds and 223 assists in three years at Oregon.



### Who is she?

Tamika Nurse comes to the Falcons after three seasons with the Oregon Ducks. Coach Curt Miller said she will be the fastest player he has coached in his 20 year career and she scored 14 points in an exhibition game against Findlay.



## 30 Courtney Reed • Sr. Miami

The only senior on a very young Miami team, Reed was the UM's third leading scorer last season with 9.2 ppg. The senior scored in double figures 14 times in 2008-09, including a streak of 10 games.



## 29 Tavelyn James • So. Eastern Michigan

James emerged for the Eagles as a freshman last year when her 14.7 points per game and 426 total points made her the fourth leading among the nation's freshmen.



## 26 Kamille Buckner • Jr. Ohio

The junior forward led the conference in blocked shots (63) and field goal percentage (.625) last season. Buckner blocked at least two shots in 18 games en route to setting a school record.



Read Thursday's edition of The BG News to see the Top 25.

## 28 Kelly Packard • HC Ball State

In her first year as coach, Packard led her team to a 26-9 season and the MAC Championship. Packard's team also pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the NCAA Tournament, beating Tennessee 71-55.



## 27 Anthony Simpson • Sr. Kent State

Simpson started 19 games last season for Kent State, but that will increase this season as he helps replace two graduating seniors. Simpson led the Flashes in rebounds last season with 213 and blocks with 33.



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# WASHINGTON BRIEFS

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## Obama to sign vet jobs order, meet with Netanyahu

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama plans to make the federal government the model employer of America's veterans.

Obama is to sign an executive order yesterday evening to establish a Council on Veterans Employment and a Veterans Employment Program office within most federal agencies.

Later, the president will tackle Mideast issues in an Oval Office meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu is in Washington to address the 2009 General Assembly of The Jewish Federations of North America.

## High court looks at life sentences for juveniles

WASHINGTON — A seemingly divided Supreme Court wrestled yesterday with whether teenagers can be locked away forever for their crimes.

The question arose in two cases involving Florida men who are serving life prison terms with no chance of parole for crimes they committed as teenagers. Their lawyers argue that the sentences for people so young are cruel and unusual, in violation of the Constitution, because young people have greater capacity to change.

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote the Supreme Court opinion four years ago that ruled out the death penalty for people under 18, judging them less responsible than adults. So most eyes were on him yesterday as the court considered whether to extend that rationale to life without parole sentences.

But Kennedy offered little hint of his position, at one point suggesting it might be difficult to distinguish between juveniles and adults in cases that do not involve the death penalty.

—Mark Sherman (AP)

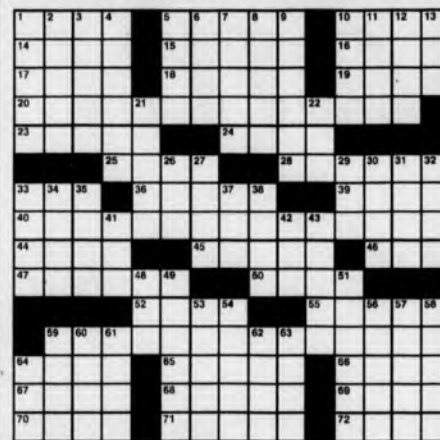
## White House: 3 Americans held in Iran are innocent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is calling for the release of three Americans being held in Iran on accusations of espionage.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said yesterday that the three were hiking near the border with Iraq and are innocent. He called on the Iranian government to release them quickly.

A senior Iranian prosecutor accused the three of espionage earlier yesterday, the first signal that Tehran intends to put them on trial. The announcement came as Washington and Tehran were maneuvering over a deadlock in negotiations over Iran's nuclear program.

## The Daily Crossword Fix



### ACROSS

- 1 A little batty
- 5 Fills completely
- 10 Skips, as ads on a taped show
- 14 "Garfield" dog
- 15 What an ump's protector protects
- 16 Approximately
- 17 Former Italian coins
- 18 Main blood line
- 19 Loch with a legend
- 20 Corporate-sponsored vacation
- 23 Ruhr valley city
- 24 Largest continent
- 25 Sicilian volcano
- 28 Mediterranean island republic
- 33 Place to retire to?
- 36 Tournament matches before finals, briefly
- 39 Matador's foe
- 40 Retirement account transaction that may incur a penalty
- 44 "Iliad" setting

- 45 Big name in tractors
- 46 —mo replay
- 47 Challenge a verdict in a higher court
- 50 Money you owe
- 52 Follow, as a suspect
- 55 Love poetry Muse
- 59 Local airline trip
- 64 "A guy walks into a bar ..." may start one
- 65 Christener
- 66 Go-; small racer
- 67 Gets it wrong
- 68 Dolly the sheep, for one
- 69 Fencing blade
- 70 Herbal brews
- 71 Sharpened
- 72 Crystal gazer

### ANSWERS



# House health bill unsuitable to many in Senate

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Don't look for the Senate to quickly follow the House on health care overhaul.

A government health insurance plan included in the House bill is unacceptable to a few Democratic moderates who hold the balance of power in the Senate. They're locked in a battle with liberals, with the fate of President Barack Obama's signature issue at stake.

If a government plan is part of the deal, "as a matter of conscience, I will not allow this bill to come to a final vote," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Connecticut independent whose vote Democrats need to overcome GOP filibusters. "The House bill is dead on arrival in the Senate," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said.

Democrats did not line up to challenge him. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has yet to schedule floor debate and hinted last week that senators may not be able to finish health care this year. Nonetheless, the House vote provided an important lesson in how to succeed with less-than-perfect party unity, and one that Senate Democrats may be able to adapt. House Democrats overcame their own divisions and broke an impasse that threatened the bill after liberals grudgingly accepted tougher restrictions on abortion funding, as abortion opponents demanded.

In the Senate, the stumbling block is the idea of the government competing with private insurers. Liberals may have to swallow hard and accept a deal without a public plan to keep the legislation alive. As in the House, the compromise appears to be to the right of the political spectrum.

Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, who voted for a version of the Senate bill in committee, has given the Democrats a possible way out. She's proposing to allow a government plan, if after a few years premiums keep escalating and local health insurance markets remain in the grip of a few big companies. This is the "trigger" option.

That approach appeals to moderates such as Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La. "If the private market fails to reform, there would be a fallback position," Landrieu said last week. "It should be triggered by choice and affordability, not by political whim." Lieberman said he opposes the public plan because it could become a huge and costly entitlement program.

For now, Reid is trying to find the votes for a different approach: a government plan that states could opt out of.

He will keep meeting with senators this week to see if he can work

out a political formula that will give him not only the 60 votes needed to begin debate, but the 60 needed to shut off discussion and bring the bill to a final vote.

Toward the end of the week, the Congressional Budget Office may report back with a costs-and-coverage estimate on Reid's bill, which he assembled from legislation passed by the Finance Committee and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. The Finance Committee version does not include a government plan.

Reid has pledged to Obama that he will get the bill done by the end of the year and remains committed to doing that, according to a Senate leadership aide.

Both the House and Senate bills gradually would extend coverage to nearly all Americans by

providing government subsidies to help pay premiums. The measures would bar insurers' practices such as charging more to those in poor health or denying them coverage altogether.

All Americans would be required to carry health insurance, either through an employer, a government plan or by purchasing it on their own.

To keep down costs, the government subsidies and consumer protections don't take effect until 2013. During the three-year transition, both bills would provide \$5 billion in federal dollars to help get coverage for people with medical problems who are turned down by private insurers.

Both House and Senate would expand significantly the federal-state Medicaid health program for low-income people.

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